

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/825,311	HIRAI, YOSHIAKI	
	Examiner Victor Cheung	Art Unit 3714	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 17 December 2007.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
 c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 3.

Identification of prior art discussed: Rupert et al. (USPN 6,558,258).

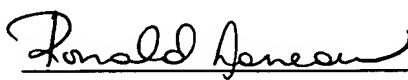
Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The general nature of the invention was discussed, as well as proposed amendments to the claims. In particular, the term "space" was clarified and how it related to each of the characters in the invention. Examiner indicated that the amendments appear to distinguish from the prior art at this time. Further search and consideration will be made when the amendments are submitted. No agreement on patentability has been reached.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


Ronald Laneau
 Examiner's signature, if required